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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on April 19, 2005, for the above-referenced patent application and is being submitted with a petition for a two-month extension of time. Therefore, this paper is being submitted on or before its current due date of September 19, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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